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a. The political disunity of the Palestine Arabs, plus a growing opposition to the Husaymis;

b. The differences occurring within the Arab League which is now meeting in Beirut.

2. It is further reported by an informant who was present at the sessions of the League, that the demands of the Grand Mufti, Hajj Muhammad Amin Husayni, for immediate action and financial assistance met stiff opposition. The following reactions were allegedly expressed by the member states of the Arab League:

- a. Egypt urged caution, patience and restraint, admitting the possibility of defeat because of the present state of unpreparedness, and suggested the formation of financial and military committees;
- b. Syria concentrated on a clause to insure the withdrawal of troops upon the cessation of hostilities; evidently fearing that Trans-Jordan forces would remain on Palestine soil;
- c. Iraq protested against the Mufti's leadership in any Palestine campaign;
- d. Saudi Arabia followed Egypt's line of caution in answer to the Mufti's demands for cancellation of American oil concessions, emphasizing the need of money and the undesirability of a quarrel with the United States.

3. The Arab League is reported to be in agreement that immediate action might become necessary only in case of Jewish aggression against the Arabs.

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